

Saturday Gazette.

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THE SATURDAY GAZETTE
PUBLISHERS' ADDRESS.

To the citizens of Bloomfield and Montclair and to our Advertising patrons elsewhere.

Another number will complete the third volume of the GAZETTE. Our labors to make it worthy and acceptable have been better appreciated than our own distrust permitted us to expect. We have been greeted with many kind words of approval and frequent acts of encouragement and support. New subscriptions have augmented our lists every week, and new advertisements from unexpected quarters have sought to reach the public through our columns.

And now that the GAZETTE has become one of the settled institutions of these towns, and in fact of Essex County, we feel impelled to vindicate its history from the ill-founded aspersions by which an adversary with mal intent has aimed to damage its fame and retard its prosperity. We confine ourselves to a few brief statements of facts which we know, as they are of our own personal history.

In 1872, after a pre-consideration of several months and an occasional conference with different citizens, we decided to start, as an experiment, a newspaper in Bloomfield. As it could not be expected to pay expenses at first, we submitted a conditional proposal to certain citizens that, if a sufficient number would contribute ten dollars each to the enterprise we would engage to publish a paper once a fortnight for six months, by which time we hoped the need and benefit of a local journal here would be sufficiently manifest to render the permanent establishment of it possible. Though a number who subscribed never paid the ten dollars, still something over four hundred dollars was realized. This, with the fifty cent subscriptions and the sums derived from the paying advertisements, carried our paper through the promised experiment without pecuniary loss to us. But it was also without remuneration for our services as editor and publishers, we having spent the entire income on the paper as we intended to do from the first.

We make this statement emphatic because insinuation have been made that we made money from that experimental issue of the GAZETTE. The cost of getting up the paper at that time was considerably greater than it has been since. We published from 1,500 to 2,500 copies at each issue, making an average of 1,750 copies for the whole time, distributing gratuitously those which were not paid for where they would do most good to the credit of our town and to the interest of our advertisers.

Having anticipated the time for the ending of the experimental period, by publishing the last few numbers of the first volume weekly instead of fortnightly, we delayed the commencement of the second volume four weeks, to see what developments would appear from an attempt so set afloat another paper in our village. It became immediately obvious that that paper, however it might satisfy the tastes and aspirations of a limited class of citizens in the town, it would hardly supply the felt-want of our growing, progressive and cultured village, nor ever gain a foot-hold in Montclair. Hence, we determined, with the advice of numbers of our first citizens, to continue the GAZETTE. We accordingly issued the first number of the second volume in February, 1873 publishing 2,000 copies several weeks, 1,750, 1,825 and 1,500 copies during most of the year and at no time less than 1,250 copies.

During the present year, by curtailing our gratuitous distribution part of the time, our circulation has averaged only about 1,100, frequently being 1,250, and at no time less than 1,000 copies.

Our whole time and our best efforts have been devoted with fidelity and impartiality to the true interests of Bloomfield and Montclair, which all admit, have been essentially promoted by our honest, independent, untiring labors.

We shall continue as hitherto, but with the advantage of longer experience and greater facilities, to supply to these towns the SATURDAY GAZETTE filled as we hope with attractive locals, and entertaining and instructive general reading and valuable discussions.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND THE NEW POSTAL LAW.

This law goes into effect on the first of January. Newspapers are free of postage to subscribers in every part of the county where published, except those deposited in or sent by mail to a "Letter Carrier's office" for delivery. The only exception in Essex County will therefore be those sent to Newark. Such, if issued more frequently than weekly, must have a one cent stamp on it, sent to Newark—it being a "Letter Carrier's office"—must be prepaid the same as those sent beyond the county.

We shall therefore be obliged, under this law, to prepay the postage, at the rate of two cents a pound, on all papers to subscribers, one copy to each, in Newark and elsewhere beyond the County of Essex. This we shall cheerfully do, the subscription price of the GAZETTE remaining unchanged.

WHO ARE TO BE DEEMED SUBSCRIBERS? We answer—Those to whom we regular-

ly send the GAZETTE in accordance with our published conditions. These embrace: 1st. All who pay an agreed subscription price. 2nd. All settled Clergymen in Essex County. 3rd. All Public School Teachers in Essex County. 4th. Our regular Advertising customers.

To Clergymen and Teachers in the country we have for two years past, sent the GAZETTE freely. For the coming year we shall be happy to send it to both these professions for one dollar each individual OR for one new subscriber at \$2 OR for an occasional contribution of interest for our columns respecting church, schools or other useful general or local topic.

We hope to make the GAZETTE the coming year of more interest and valuable to readers of all classes, and in every part of the county of Essex, than it has ever been. Some new features will be manifested in the first and second issues of the new volume.

Now we earnestly hope that present subscribers will immediately renew their subscriptions, and that other citizens and friends in Bloomfield, Montclair and elsewhere will favor this enterprise by securing its weekly visits. It is especially designed to the interests of these towns.

THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The few remarks we made last week has brought out a correspondent whose name, if we were at liberty to give it, would add great weight to his sound counsel. His interesting letter in another column will doubtless be read and pondered by our citizens generally.

It has been a matter of unbounded surprise that this fine old village should consent to remain so long without a Public Hall and a Free Library, and allow Montclair, Orange and other towns to get ahead of us in this respect. How can we expect our young people to be satisfied at home if we do not furnish the necessary accommodations for suitable public entertainments? The same reasons that are urged for parents to make home pleasant and happy are even more urgent for rendering our village attractive and inviting. Every town should have its capacious Hall where eminent lecturers, celebrated artists, skilled musicians and other modes of culture and entertainment may be suitably provided for.

We have, at length, such a noble hall planned and well begun. A hall that, when completed, will extort the frequent exclamation, how could Bloomfield exist so long without it! Its completion will not fail to give an impetus to other beneficial institutions and enterprises.

The LIBRARY, which gave the soul to the hall building, will itself derive from that edifice, development, vitality and power for usefulness. When the repository is prepared, thousands of valuable dust covered volumes, shaking off their repulsive encumbrance will hasten to adorn its shelves and invite inquiry after knowledge to its alcoves.

But there is a fear that a want of means will now put a stop to this enterprise. Some say it would be just like Bloomfield to let the work lag and droop and die!

Let us repel this slander, and "put our shoulders to the wheel," every one, and it will soon be accomplished and its doors opened to the public including those sneering aspersionsists. Let us see what is required. \$10,000. That is the price of 400 shares. Are there not 100 persons in Bloomfield that can afford to invest in this real property \$100 each? paying it in instalments of \$10 a month. It cannot be a bad investment. It will improve the value of our lands and our homes, even the humblest of them, more than that small sum. Several new subscriptions have been made during the past week.

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TOWN COUNCIL—BLOOMFIELD.
Regular meeting, December 11, 1874, Present—Messrs. Beach, Reed, Oaks and Sherman.

The letter of the chairman, Mr. Beach, in reply to the one received from Mr. M. W. Dodd, in reference to the widening of Washington Ave. was read and on motion it was ordered that both letters be entered in full on the minutes.

The committee on sidewalks reported that they had caused the unfinished part of the plank work on Bloomfield Avenue, adjoining the property of Mrs. Eliza Wilde, to be laid in accordance with the petition of Samuel Benyon and others at a cost of \$15.46. Report of Committee adopted and adjourned.

The following bills were ordered paid, and orders drawn therefor:

Walkway account—E. C. Dodd, \$115.46.

Contingent account—Jas. Hughes, \$35.

Poor account—J. H. Way, \$30.25, J. H. Lockwood, \$18. Horace Dodd, \$16, J. H. Brown & Bro., \$11.12, Albert Morris, \$16 10, Dr. C. H. Bailey, \$58.

Public Ground account—Peter Farley, \$198. Road account—J. Kiersted, \$16.

Adjourned.

We are informed that the new Methodist church at Brookdale is nearly completed and will be opened for Divine service on December 27th. Rev. Bishop James will dedicate the building, assisted by Rev. L. R. Dunn, in the afternoon, and Rev. R. Van Horne, in the evening. Some other preachers have promised their assistance and the opening services promise to be of unusual interest.

The Presbyterian Monthly Society gathered a large company on Wednesday evening, at Mr. Edward Ward's, on Beach street. Without disparagement to the previous ones, this is pronounced the most enjoyable of the season thus far.

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Regular meeting, December 16. All members present.

The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, the work of opening and grading Irving street has been completed to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer and the cost has been ascertained to be—dollars and cents, therefore resolved that the same be assessed on the property pro rata per linear feet front on the aforesaid street, and that the parties in interest be notified to appear at the Town Committee rooms on January 5, 1875, at 8 o'clock p. m., to make objections, if any, to said assessment.

A movement is now being made to procure a Babcock Hook and Ladder Truck, with Fire Extinguishers attached, for the use of the village, the same to be under the control of the Town Committee. It was moved and carried that a committee of two be appointed to ascertain and report a location and the expense of proper housing and caring for such a Fire Extinguisher. Messrs. E. T. Gould and Dr. Love were appointed such committee.

Petition received from property owners on the line of Fullerton Avenue extension, asking, now that the street is opened and worked, for a plank sidewalk, the whole length of the street. According to a public meeting was directed to be called for Saturday evening, December 26th, at the Town Committee rooms, at 8 o'clock p. m., to consider the subject.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY.—Mr. S. A. Fowler has broken ground for a new house on Lincoln street. Mr. G. W. Martin is building a fine house also on same street. It will be built after the model of Mr. Crosby's houses on Harrison Avenue. Both these houses will be built by Meyer, contractor.

Mr. Devorey is building a new house on Park street. Joseph K. Oakes of Bloomfield has the contract.

Mr. S. Wilde is building a new house on Walnut street. Crane is the contractor.

E. B. Crane has broken ground for a new house on Fullerton Avenue, near Bloomfield street.

CHURCH SOCIALE.—This week at Mr. Thomas Russell's the members of Dr. Berry's congregation had a very delightful and homelike reunion.